



CORE GROUP MEETING
November 30 2016 – 9:00 - 10:30 am, NY time
Minutes – Public Version

Facilitator of the month: Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers

Participants: Andrew Griffiths (Sightsavers), Gomer Padong and Ariane Lim (PhilSEN), John Patrick Ngoyi (JDPC), Javier Surasky (Cepei), Arelys Bellorini and Marggie Simo (World Vision), Busani Sibindi (Save Matabelaland), Naiara Costa (Together 2030 International Secretariat)

(1) Together 2030 Anniversary

Naiara updated the Group on the Anniversary plans – tweets, webinar, working groups, blogs. Need to prepare for publication of the blogs. Several promises. Requested contributions in French and Spanish.

(2) Governance

Andrew updated the Group on discussions held by those attending the meeting in Berlin and detailed the ideas to strengthen Together 2030 governance.

The Group discussed ideas of how to increase the number of Core Group Members without compromising decision-making. The proposal discussed was to open elections for three Core Group members based on clear criteria. A special focus would be to improve gender balance within the Core Group.

After elections, the Core Group might reconsider the need to invite some members to join the Core Group in order to improve its balance and representation even further.

Arelys reminded that ideas proposed should be reflected in the 2017 workplan currently being drafted.

Naiara reminded the Group about the need to update the Core Group ToR in order for it to reflect the criteria for participation at the Core Group and elections procedures.

The Core Group agreed on a commitment to expand its membership and increase its diversity in the best way possible to better serve the Initiative. An open election process for 3 seats (2 for female leaders and 1 for male) would be established and communicated to the Membership. Regional diversity will be also weighted when defining the new members.

Action Points:

- Naiara to prepare documents and process to announce Core Group elections at Together 2030 First Anniversary week.

(3) 2017 Workplan



The Group agreed to review the draft Workplan and flag activities that they wanted to lead/coordinate. Proposal was to finalize the text by December 14 and revisit it when the expanded Core Group was in place.

Concerns were expressed about the ambition of the Workplan and on the need of being realistic considering the current capacities.

Action Points:

- Core Group members to review the draft workplan and flag activities they want to lead/coordinate.

(4) AOB

- a. Javier informed that Cepei was translating the report on the UNGA statements into Spanish and adding a second annex bringing issues of interest to Latin America and the Caribbean.